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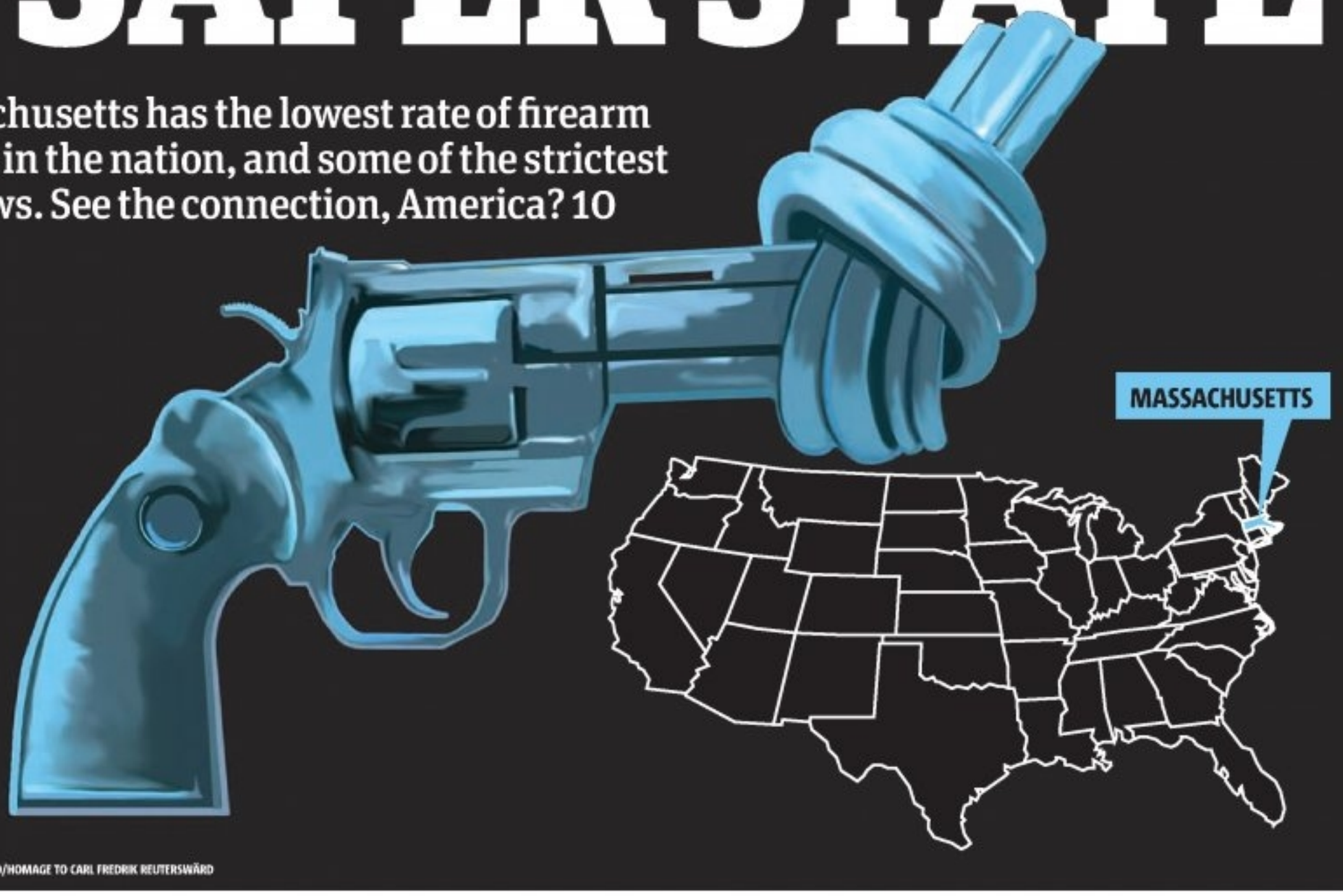

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CARTER SAYS WOULD TRAVEL TO NORTH KOREA

1 Former president Jimmy Carter said he would be willing to travel to North Korea on behalf of the Trump administration to help diffuse rising tensions, The New York Times reported on its website. "I would go, yes," Carter, 93, told the Times when he was asked in an interview whether it was time for another diplomatic mission and whether he would do so for President Trump. Carter, said he had spoken to Trump's National Security Adviser Lt.-Gen. H. R. McMaster, who is a friend, but so far has gotten a negative response. "I told him that I was available if they ever need me," the Times quoted Carter as saying. Told that some in Washington were made nervous by Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's war of words, Carter said "I'm afraid, too, of a situation."

MCCONNELL: WHAT DOES TRUMP WANT?

2 Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on Sunday he was willing to bring healthcare legislation up for a vote but was waiting for the go-ahead from President Donald Trump, who sent mixed signals last week about a bipartisan bill that would shore up insurance markets. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said on Sunday he was willing to bring healthcare legislation up for a vote but was waiting for the go-ahead from President Donald Trump, who sent mixed signals last week about a bipartisan bill that would shore up insurance markets. That legislation, introduced by Republican Sen. Lamar Alexander and Democratic Sen. Patty Murray, has drawn support from several Republican senators. Asked if he would put it up for a vote this week, McConnell, the Senate majority leader, punted to Trump.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

3 People wearing costumes attend a Halloween parade ahead of Halloween, an annual holiday celebrated at Chicago's Millennium Park.

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WARNING OF ATTACKS ON ENERGY INDUSTRIAL FIRMS

4 The U.S government issued a rare public warning that sophisticated hackers are targeting energy and industrial firms, the latest sign that cyber attacks present an increasing threat to the power industry and other public infrastructure. The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI warned in a report distributed by email that the nuclear, energy, aviation, water and critical manufacturing industries have been targeted along with government entities in attacks dating back to at least May. The agencies warned that hackers had succeeded in compromising some targeted networks, but did not identify specific. The objective of the attackers is to compromise organizational networks with malicious emails and tainted websites to obtain credentials for accessing computer networks of their targets, the report said.

TITANIC VICTIM'S LETTER SELLS FOR RECORD $166K

5 A personal letter found on the body of a man killed in the sinking of the Titanic sold at auction for $166,000, a record price for correspondence from the doomed liner. The letter is one of the last known to have survived the sinking and still carries stains from its time in the Atlantic. Written by first-class passenger Alexander Oskar Holverson on embossed Titanic "on-board" stationary, the letter to his mother describes his impressions of the palatial ship, praising the food and music. "If all goes well we will arrive in New York Wednesday A.M.," Holverson wrote the day before the ship's fateful encounter with an iceberg. Holverson was a Minnesota-born salesman, who was traveling on the ship with his wife, Mary Alice, who survived the sinking.

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Philly DA Seth Williams used his influence to enrich himself. . CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Seth Williams faces up to 5 years at sentencing

Everything you need to know about tomorrow's sentencing of Rufus Seth Williams.

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Former Philly DA Seth Williams' fall from grace is expected to be fully complete Tuesday, when he goes before a federal judge to learn his sentence for abusing his office for gifts and favors.

But the disgraced DA has remained an optimist to the end, pleading in court papers filed last week for a lenient sentence — and for a few hours of freedom on electronic monitoring so he can visit his elderly mother, 87, and "get his affairs in order."

"Williams in no way seeks to minimize the nature and circumstances of his crimes," his attorneys wrote in papers begging federal Judge Paul S. Diamond for a lenient sentence. "Williams is acutely aware of his misconduct and the public shame he has brought upon himself, his family and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office."

But federal prosecutors have demanded Williams receive the max on the one count out of the original 29 that he pleaded guilty to: five years in federal lockup.

Williams also agreed to pay $64,878.22 in restitution as part of his plea, but could be ordered to pay even more at sentencing. And Williams was just disbarred by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Oct. 19.

But his attorneys are still hoping for a good outcome.

"The defense asks this court to consider … Williams' entire life history in formulating an appropriate [sentence]," they wrote.

Williams graduated from Central High, spent a year at West Point, and then transferred to Penn State before going on to attend Georgetown Law School and first starting work as a prosecutor in the DA's office immediately after in 1992. He was also a major in the U.S. military reserves.

Williams has been detained at the Philly federal detention center as inmate #75926 after entering a surprise guilty plea on June 29, midway through his high-profile federal trial.

It was also only after the plea that he finally lost his $176,000-a-year post as DA, which he had held since 2010 after being elected the city's first black DA.

Williams' fall moved more swiftly than other disgraced Philadelphia politicians. After his federal indictment was filed on March 21, U.S. District Judge Paul S. Diamond ordered the case to move swiftly to trial — unlike the typical year's delay from indictment to trial that other high-profile cases have seen — citing the "public interest" as grounds for expediting the matter.

His professional downfall was accompanied by his apparent financial ruin. Williams was forced to sell his Overbrook home, and upon pleading guilty, claimed he only had $150 to $200 in the bank.

Williams' crimes primarily related to peddling his influence as district attorney to enrich himself and get free trips, furniture and other gifts from friends. He and his daughters took a free trip to South America, and he got a free chocolate-colored couch, that he had specifically requested in a text message which entered into evidence at trial.

He was accused of spending campaign funds on facials, parties and massages. He also allegedly dodged spending a dime on cars for years by relying on his city-provided car and using cars reserved for drugs.

But he was also accused of other abuses, like using his city-provided car around the clock, and most notably, snatching up funds intended for his elderly mother's nursing home care, spending them on himself.

Williams' lawyer originally argued at trial that the gifts and favors "were not crimes," but were merely related to personal friendships.

Interim district attorney Kelley B. Hodge, the city's first black female DA, currently leads the office, and the office is up for grabs this election day, Nov. 7, when Democrat Larry Krasner will face Republican Beth Grossman.

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Philly family-run illegal street lottery made millions, prosecutors say

A backdoor lottery operated around Philly was illegally netting millions of dollars in profits for its proprietors, prosecutors announced Friday.

Now nine people, including four members of the Creagh family — whose patriarch Gary Creagh Sr., 66, was reportedly the mastermind of the scam — are under arrest and facing criminal charges that could net them each up to 65 years in prison.

"The illegal Creagh organization was truly a family affair, one that generated millions of dollars from dozens of nondescript locations across the City of Philadelphia," said interim Philly DA Kelley B. Hodge.

The so-called "Creagh organization" was setup in unmarked buildings at 40 different spots around the city — "highly organized," according to the DA's office, and typically in low-income neighborhoods — with a lookout and bookie, who would admit only vetted, known guests who knocked on the door.

Gary Creagh Sr.'s illegal operation was highly organized, according to investigators. VIA LINKEDIN

Players would pick numbers and bet certain amounts of money on each number, which would be determined by various factors, including state lottery drawings and horse races.

The Creagh organization offered a 700 to one return, compared to state lotteries which pay 500 to one.

From just 2011 to 2014, Creagh Sr. reportedly deposited $3 million made in the illegal game, all broken up among various banks and in chunks ranging from $5,000 to $9,000. Some of those profits went into assets.

"Creagh spent almost $500,000 on luxury vehicles and millions of dollars to purchase numerous properties in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Florida, and Nevada," prosecutors asserted.

Creagh Sr. was described by prosecutors as "owner and chief operator.

His online LinkedIn profile claims he works in "acquisition and management," and his professional history states that he has been the owner of "self" since 1973.

Creagh Sr.'s nephew Frank Creagh, 49, allegedly collected money and assisted in "overall management." His daughter Kerri Creagh, 50, allegedly assisted in financial management.

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Tillerson to Iranian-backed militias in Iraq: 'Go home'

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson GETTY IMAGES

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said on Sunday it was time for Iranian-backed militias and their Iranian advisers who helped Iraq defeat Islamic State to "go home," after a rare joint meeting with the leaders of Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

The United States is concerned that Iran, a Shi'ite regional power, will take advantage of gains against IS in Iraq and Syria to expand the influence it gained after the U.S. invasion in 2003, something Sunni Arab rivals such as Riyadh also oppose.

"Iranian militias that are in Iraq, now that the fight against Daesh and ISIS is coming to a close, those militias need to go home. The foreign fighters in Iraq need to go home and allow the Iraqi people to regain control," Tillerson said at a joint news conference with Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Jubeir.

Tens of thousands of Iraqis heeded a call to arms in 2014 after IS seized a third of the country's territory, forming the Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF), which receive funding and training from Tehran and have been declared part of the Iraqi security apparatus.

A senior U.S. official said Tillerson had been referring to the PMF and the Quds Force, the foreign paramilitary and espionage arm of the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif berated Tillerson's remarks as influenced by Iran's oil-rich regional rival Saudi Arabia.

"Exactly what country is it that Iraqis who rose up to defend their homes against ISIS return to?," Zarif said in a tweet. "Shameful US FP (foreign policy), dictated by petrodollars."

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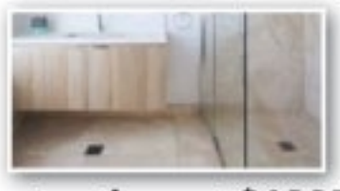

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A recent study links high firearm death rates to loose gun laws. GETTY IMAGES

Numbers show that gun control laws are working

In states with stricter gun laws, fewer people are dying.

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It's a familiar narrative by now: A mass shooting shocks the nation, gun control proponents stand on their soapboxes, pro-Second Amendment groups cry about politicizing tragedy, and nothing seems to really happen.

With little federal action on gun control, the laws managing access to firearms have largely been left up to the states to decide, and unsurprisingly, it's meant states with Democratic leadership have stricter laws while Republican-led states have much laxer laws.

And despite the echo of claims that gun laws don't work, if the numbers are to be believed, that just isn't true.

The case for gun control

In 2015, the latest year for which the Centers for Disease Control has data on gun deaths, the list of states with the lowest rate of deaths per 100,000 residents reads like a who's who list of gun control efforts.

Massachusetts, with a rate of 3, had the lowest in the nation, followed by Hawaii with 3.6, New York with 4.2, Rhode Island with 4.7 and Connecticut with 5.3. New Jersey, Minnesota, California, Iowa and Nebraska rounded out the top 10.

All but two of the states (Iowa and Nebraska) are considered to have some of the strictest gun laws in the nation by the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, which ranks states annually. States with strict gun laws generally require background checks, waiting periods before purchase, place limits on the number of guns a person can own and ban assault weapons.

Conversely, the states with the highest death rates have some of the loosest gun laws.

But John Lott, president of the pro-Second Amendment Crime Prevention Research Center, says these statistics are a kind of feel-good data sets that should rely on a whole host of other information, like culture, demographics and rural/urban makeup that isn't factored in.

> ***"It's indisputable that gun laws save lives ..."***
>
> John Rosenthal

"[The gun death rates] are low despite the strict gun control laws, not because of them," he said.

It's an argument gun-owning activist John Rosenthal has heard before. He's after common-sense gun laws and he points to Massachusetts as the perfect example of why gun control laws work.

When Rosenthal launched hit nonprofit Stop Handgun Violence in 1994, that gun death rate in Massachusetts was about 7.5. Through a series of targeted gun control bills, that number has dropped by 60 percent over the last two decades.

"It's indisputable that gun laws save lives, we, Massachusetts, are an urban state and we have the lowest rate of gun deaths per 100,000 population and the most effective gun laws in the nation," he said.

Gun control laws and mass shootings

When it comes to mass shootings, widely defined as public shootings where four or more people are killed, the data is a little less clear.

The frequency of mass shootings in the United States is about on par with that of the '80s and '90s, but they're getting deadlier.

Rosenthal argues universal background checks and federal bans on assault weapons and large capacity ammunition magazines — the weapon of choice in most mass shootings — could help.

"We just want to make it harder for criminals, the dangerously mentally ill and even al-Qaida to buy guns," he said.

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White House Chief of Staff John Kelly recently channeled his boss, President Donald Trump. GETTY IMAGES

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Donald Trump just lost his 4-star character witness.

That didn't take long, did it? It's been less than three months since retired Marine Corps Gen. John Kelly moved from Homeland Security secretary to White House chief of staff. Kelly's new job, never an easy one, was to ease the infighting, fire the worst crackpots and bring some basic credibility to a president who often has trouble distinguishing between Breitbart News and the truth.

Kelly was actually making progress. "Goodbye, Mooch!" "Goodbye, Bannon!" Then Thursday, he marched into the briefing room to clean up the president's latest, self-inflicted mess: a clumsy condolence call to a Gold Star family, a gratuitous attack on a Florida congresswoman and an inaccurate attack on previous U.S. presidents. Just another day in Trumpland, you know.

Kelly's presentation started out promisingly, as he compellingly described how the U.S. military normally responds when a U.S. service member is killed. The iced-down body. The somber helicopter ride. The condolence officer's careful words. Chilling stuff all around. Then, for no good reason, it all went to hell. Kelly began channeling his crude, truth-challenged boss, delivering an ugly, personal and, oh yeah, utterly false attack on Congresswoman Frederica Wilson.

At a 2015 dedication of an FBI building in Florida, Kelly said she "stood up there … and talked about how she was instrumental in getting the funding for that building, and how she took care of her constituents because she got the money, and she just called up President Obama, and on that phone call he gave the money — $20 million — to build the building. And she sat down."

Unfortunately, a video proves none of that was true, except for the sitting-down part. Wilson wasn't even in Congress when the money was approved.

Now, people make mistakes, even 4-star Marine Corps generals. That's not the really bad part.

But faced with these glaring falsehoods, Kelly pulled a Trump. For four long days, the once-credible general has refused to take back a word of his slander. He dispatched White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders to double-down on phony assertions, while he has uttered not a word of apology.

What can you say?

The general learned from the master.

Duck, deny, accuse, rinse, repeat.

Metro columnist Ellis Henican is the best-selling author of a dozen books, including "Trumpitude: The Secret Confessions of Donald's Brain," coming next month from Post Hill Press. He is on Twitter @henican.

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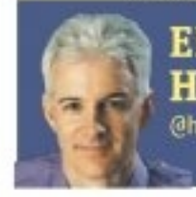

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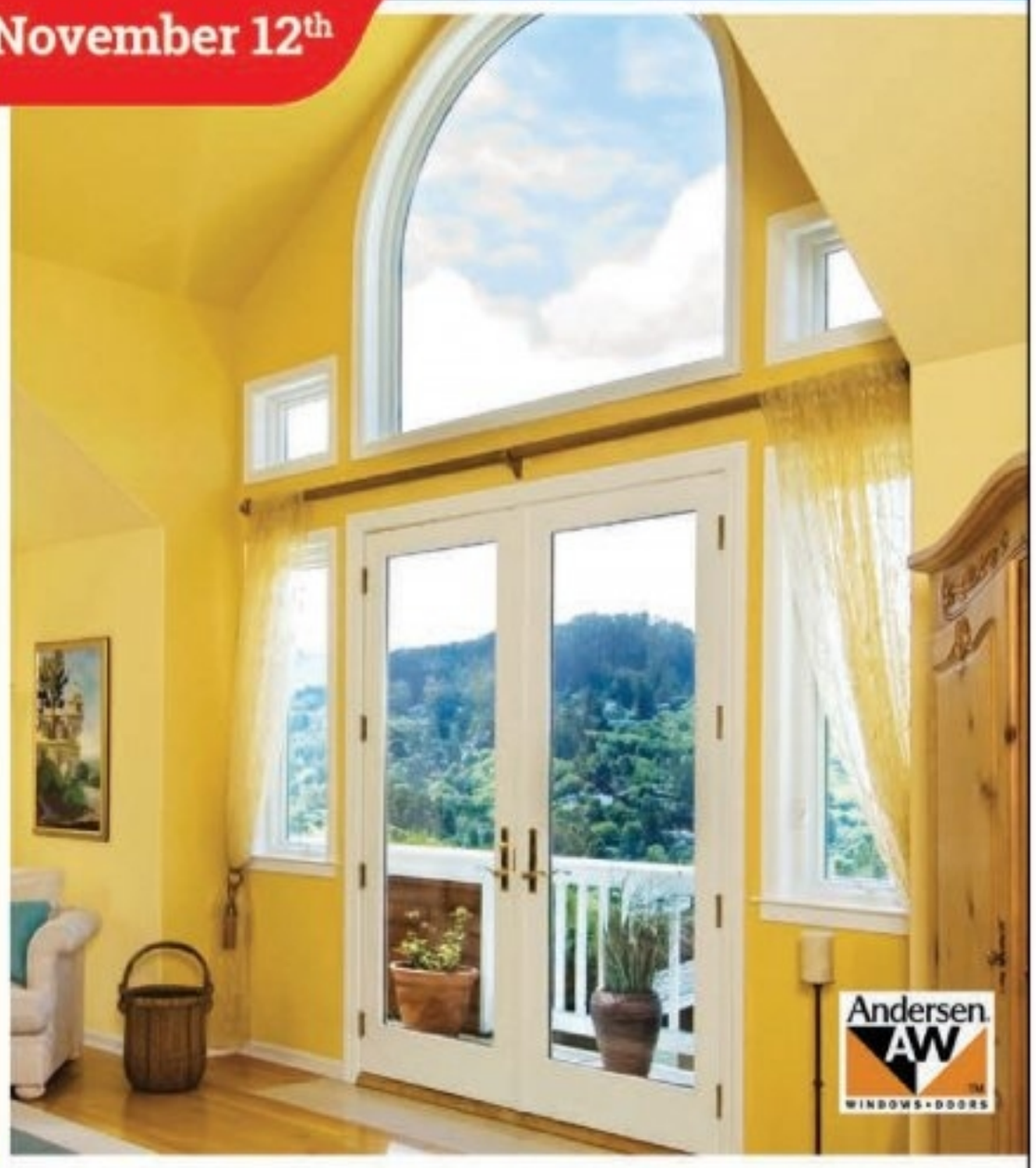

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4 Celebrity *Feuds* You Almost Certainly Forgot About

Got beef? METRO

On Thursday night, P!nk admitted to a long ago beef with Christina Aguilera. "She swung on me in a club," the 38-year-old admitted on "Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen." "It was hilarious. I was like, 'What is happening right now? What's happening?' I laughed, it was just funny." With that charming memory in mind, we're looking at four delightfully inane celebrity feuds that you may have forgotten about. Enjoy!

P!nk VS Christina Aguilera

The two apparently clashed toward the beginning of their music careers. "We were super young and super new at the whole thing," P!nk explained. "We just were very different, and we were very young and new."

Hilary Duff VS Lindsay Lohan

If you can believe it, these two fought over Aaron Carter — yes, that Aaron Carter — circa 2003. It was the world's most tween-friendly love triangle to date.

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Shannen Doherty VS Alyssa Milano

The two former "Charmed" stars had a bunch of drama starring alongside each other on the witchy '90s series. When Doherty left in 2011, she shadily told "Entertainment Tonight" that "there was too much drama on the set and not enough passion for the work." Burn!

Nicki Minaj VS Miley Cyrus

The 2015 MTV Video Music Awards were a simpler time. Nonetheless, they were a time where Cyrus publically called Minaj "not too kind" and "not very polite." Minaj, ever the one to not f—k with, gave us the "Miley, what's good?" heard around the world. Cyrus never did respond with what was good, so we can only imagine.

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'The Walking Dead' takes it easy

Recounting the most shocking moments from last night's premiere.

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Rick Grimes and his sweaty hair tendrils are back with a vengeance. With last night's explosive heavy premiere of "The Walking Dead," we finally see the Alexandrians, Hilltop and The Kingdom come together against Negan and the Saviors.

Last night's episode mostly served as a way to slowly reintroduce you to where the series left off and to remind you that these characters really love a monologue. And while this year's premiere was light on the twists and turns, there was still a bit of drama to spare.

Here are the premiere's most shocking moments.

As "Walking Dead" episodes go, this one is pretty standard. AMC NETWORKS

Introducing Old Rick

Old Rick makes an appearance in what could be a flash forward or some sort of fantasy sequence — it's hard to tell. Flash-forward Judith has gotten older too, but flash-forward Michonne appears to not have aged a day. Nice!

The reveal of Old Rick's awful haircut

While we're at it, we'd be remiss not to mention that Old Rick's brittle haircut can't hold a candle to the wet mess of curly sweat bangs Rick is presently rocking.

Yes, Maggie is still pregnant

Despite having gestated through the last two seasons, Maggie is definitely still pregnant.

Apparently in "The Walking Dead" time, it's only been a number of weeks. Let's continue to suspend our disbelief.

Gregory ditches Father Gabriel

Gregory is a self-serving coward, but Father Gabriel is gonna Father Gabriel. And of course, when he tries to save Gregory, the former Hilltop leader ditches him and steals his get-away car.

Father Gabriel gets close to Negan

In an attempt to escape the walkers, Father Gabriel gets in the same trailer as Negan.

What strange bedfellows these two will certainly make, huh? Their union also gives us this awful exchange: "I hope you've got your shittin' pants on," Negan says. "I hope you're wearing 'em right now. Because you are about to shit your pants." How can any of us take Negan seriously as a villain when he talks literal nonsense?

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Hackoween brings famous comedians, living and dead, to Philadelphia

Now in its third successful year, Hackoween finds Philly comics channeling famous entertainers.

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Alejandro Morales performs as Maria Bamford at Hackoween 2016.
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What happens when you mix stand-up comedy with Halloween? You get Hackoween — an annual show at Good Good Comedy Theater in Chinatown.

The premise behind Hackoween is simple: members of the Philadelphia comedy community choose a famous comedian, living or dead, they admire and perform some of that comic's best-known material — dressed as that comedian. Philadelphia comedians Alex Grubard and Charles Blyzniuk host the event each year and are careful to introduce each comedian as their famous counterpart.

"Charles and I knew of similar shows in New York and L.A., and we just thought it's a fun thing for a comedy scene to do," co-host Grubard explains. "Everyone has a blast and is really thankful to all get together at once."

The first Hackoween debuted to a packed house in 2015 at L'Etage

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in Queen Village; comedians and non-comedians alike turned out for the event. One by one, famous names like Ellen DeGeneres (Robert Ecks), Chelsea Peretti (Hannah Trav), and George Carlin (Robert Rule) were brought to life by some of the most well-known names in Philadelphia comedy.

"Jake Mattera did Rodney Dangerfield jokes that are so funny he started cracking up as he told them," Grubard muses about the 2015 show.

In 2016, the show moved to Good Good Comedy Theater, which remains its home. Once again to a packed audience, the likes of Steven Wright (Jon Lalu), Judy Tenuta (Hannah Harkness), and even "Weird Al" Yankovic (Joe Murdock) lit up the stage to uproarious laughter.

"Sarah Bell put on a mustache and did Steve Harvey last year and that was awesome," Grubard says, referring to Bell's pitch-perfect impersonation, facial expressions and all, of the daytime TV host. "And honestly, Charles co-hosted with an amazingly accurate Dennis Miller."

For Hackoween 2017, the event promises yet another rousing lineup of the most well-known names in comedy. More than 30 Philadelphia comedians will channel personalities like the Flight of the Conchords duo and Pee-Wee Herman. "The rest you will have to come see for yourself," Blyzniuk said.

Blyzniuk adds that, in the spirit of Halloween, there will be free candy on hand.

Joe Murdock performs as "Weird Al" Yankovic at Hackoween 2016.

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Love board games? Love wine? Then you'll definitely be a fan of local comedian Dena Blizzard's new game, Chardonnay Go.

The concept began as a viral video spoofing Pokemon Go where 45-year-old mom raced around her neighborhood to find glasses of Chardonnay instead of Pokemon.

"It garnered over 24 million views worldwide and was named a Top 10 Facebook Live Video of 2016," she says.

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Dena Blizzard is a mom, comedian and creator of Chardonnay Go.

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In developing the game, Blizzard reached out to her Facebook Live audience, sending 12 games across the country over the course of six weeks.

"It was played by over 300 people who took Google surveys afterward to give their feedback," she says. "I think the funniest thing about the game is how much of it is up to interpretation."

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Trump's attack on birth control coverage

Business owners will now be able to deny coverage of birth control for women employees if it goes against their religious beliefs. ISTOCK

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We spoke to a representative from Planned Parenthood to see how this decision will impact women in the workplace.

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"We will not allow people of faith to be targeted, bullied or silenced anymore."

This proclamation was made by President Donald Trump earlier this year. A bold promise directed toward the god-fearing Republican base that was partly responsible for ushering him into the White House. On Friday, Oct. 6, he made good on this promise and announced that he would be rolling back one of President Obama's mandates protecting contraceptive coverage included in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Under Trump's new plan, businesses will be able to opt out of providing coverage for birth control to female employees if the company believe it goes against their religious beliefs. It's basically a more aggressive version of 2014's Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby decision that ruled for-profit corporations could be exempt from regulations they are morally opposed to.

In a statement released by President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America Cecile Richards, she wrote, "This is an unacceptable attack on basic health care that the vast majority of women rely on. With this rule in place, any employer could decide that their employees no longer have health insurance coverage for birth control."

So how exactly will this decision affect you if your employer chooses to take away coverage? I spoke with Lauren Cross, press office for Planned Parenthood, to see if she could shed some light on to how the rollback of this mandate will impact women in the workplace. "When it comes down to it, it's being called a religious rule but it doesn't have anything to do with religion," Cross says. "Previously even if an employer had a religious objection to birth control, the ACA would still ensure that employees would have birth control coverage through other means. What this specific rule does is that it eliminates that extra protection that was under the ACA for all companies."

Trump's administration has had Planned Parenthood in its crosshairs since day one, but what he hadn't counted on was the groundswell of supporters coming out to the organization's defense. Since the election, Planned Parenthood has seen 700,000 new individual donors, and as Cross tells us, they can use all of the help they can get. "This administration is taking every opportunity to attack women's rights and specifically women's health," she explains. "Judging on who is in [Health and Human Services] now and who is in the Trump administration we don't see that changing anytime soon so our supporters are going to have to continue to be out there and make their presence known."

More than 50 percent of women who use birth control use it for reasons other than preventing pregnancy such as reducing menstrual cramps and lightening of periods. On top of that, our country is seeing a major decrease in unplanned pregnancies. So, isn't it time that we also view birth control for what it is: necessary health care? According to Cross, the positive correlations between birth control and women's health should not be downplayed by this administration. "We're at a 40-year low of unintended pregnancies and a lot of that is due to increased access to birth control," Cross says. "If your goal is really to reduce the rate of unintended pregnancies and abortions, then you should be investing in women's health and preventative care."

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3 Things to watch for Monday vs. Redskins

Wonderful Wentz

The news couldn't be better for Carson Wentz and the Eagles heading into the Week 7 tilt. Washington's top cornerback Josh Norman will be out, opening up one less threat in the Redskins secondary for Wentz to worry about. The potential for a big passing game exists to help continue the sophomore quarterback's MVP bid.

"He really doesn't pay attention to that kind of stuff," Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said. "He has a broader picture of the team concept, and he knows that if the team does well, he's going to do well, and then he can be in that conversation at the end of the season."

Who's the man?

The Eagles — from game to game — have been putting up inconsistent numbers from the standpoint of skill players. There seems to be no way of knowing which player will break through, be it a running back, wide receiver or tight end. But if you look at the numbers from a big picture perspective, it's kind of a nice problem to have.

"It's just unselfish ball players," Pederson said. "Alshon [Jeffery] could easily say, 'Hey, I need more targets,' or Zach [Ertz] could say, 'Hey, I need more targets,' or any of the guys could say that on offense, or LeGarrette [Blount] could say, 'I need more rushing attempts,' or whatever. But you know what, when everybody has a piece of the pie ... rushing attempts and passing attempts are almost 50-50 and the bottom line is winning the game, then that's the exciting part."

WEEK 7

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Take 2 ...

It's really pretty hard to beat a team twice in the same season in any sport, especially the NFL. Both teams have had lots of time to study film and tendencies and it seems like both the Eagles and Redskins have improved since Week 1. For Washington's offense, a reliance on tight ends Jordan Reed and Vernon Davis could cause some matchup issues for Philly.

"They're a talented offense," defensive coordinator Frank Reich said. "I think any time you lose the number of receivers that they lost, you're going to have some startup costs that were involved in that, so maybe some of that showed in the opener. But they have a lot of good skill players, and they're using both of their tight ends, really using all three of their tight ends." EVAN MACY

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NFL roundup: Shady scores twice, Cam throws 2 INTs

The Eagles 11-day hiatus from football in between Thursday night's win over the Panthers and Monday's tilt against the Redskins continued Sunday, with action across the NFL — many of which had a direct effect on Philly.

The dramatic setback foe Kansas City against the Raiders earlier this week gave the Eagles the best record in the NFL. Here's what else happened in Week 7 ahead of Monday Night Football tonight:

Cam Newton's three turnovers buried the Panthers Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Saints 26, Packers 17: The Packers offense is going to be run-first, and that's unusual. It didn't seem to work against the Saints, who are beginning to look like a real threat in the NFC after they completed another Drew Brees fourth quarter comeback.

Bears 17, Panthers 3: It's almost as if the Eagles beat the Panthers twice. Cam Newton never really looked like himself in Week 7, throwing away two picks — one of them a pick-six, and surrendering a fumble returned for a touchdown. That's all the bears would need to cut Carolina down to 4-3 on the year.

Bills 30, Buccaneers 27: LeSean McCoy had two touchdowns — his first two of the year as a Jameis Winston comeback effort (and 384 yards, 3 TD) were not enough to stay above .500.

Vikings 24, Ravens 16: Minnesota is another team flexing its contender muscles, and a strong showing from a now-completely healthy Latavius Murray lifted them to a win over the offensively-challenged Ravens.

Dolphins 30, Jets 27: For the second week in a row the Fins were the comeback kids, closing a 14-point gap and outscoring New York 17-0 in the fourth quarter.

Titans 12, Browns 9 (OT): If you like field goals, you'd love this match that saw seven of them, capped by Ryan Succop's overtime game-winner.

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Around the NFL

Jaguars 27, Colts 0

Rams 33, Cardinals 0

Seahawks 24, Giants 7

Steelers 29, Bengals 14

Chargers 21, Broncos 0

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Don't expect the Sixers to win much as brutal early schedule continues

The Sixers seriously tough schedule will relent few wins as the team continues this fall.

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The Sixers were supposed to be better.

But after one week the Sixers are 0-3.

Fans are beginning to regress to their mid "The Process" fears as they watch their team struggle, yet again, despite having what most expected to be a potential playoff contender.

Joel Embiid, after having an impressive season debut in Washington, had the worst game of his entire career in the home opener against the Celtics last week and — adding insult to injury — was not allowed to play in the second game of a back-to-back, this one a putridly ugly blowout loss to the Raptors. Sixers fans have also had to endure questions about the No. 1 overall pick Markelle Fultz and his strange free throw issues whilst getting less than expected from veteran signees Amir Johnson and J.J. Redick.

Philly has faced three of the four best teams in the East to kick off the season and it doesn't get any easier from there.

Monday in Detroit the Sixers face a Pistons team fresh off two wins in three games after a down season in 2016-17. The only winnable game perhaps this entire month, Philly will host the newly renovated Rockets before two games in Texas against Dallas and Houston.

A two-game homestand against some finally mediocre competition in the Hawks and Pacers offer the only potential respite before philly heads out west to face five playoff teams in nine days.

They'll be welcomes home on November 18 by the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors.

Thankfully, it gets easier from there. And Ben Simmons looks like a potential Rookie of the Year.

"I feel that his first game was really exceptional. Really, really exceptional," Sixers' head coach Brett Brown said. "Physically, we all see what he is as an athlete, and I think that his growth path, his improvement scale, I think it can be off the charts."

It's only been three games, but Sixers fans should be prepared to hunker down for a difficult fall.

Will the Sixers young Big 3 actually prove to be worthy of that moniker? GETTY IMAGES

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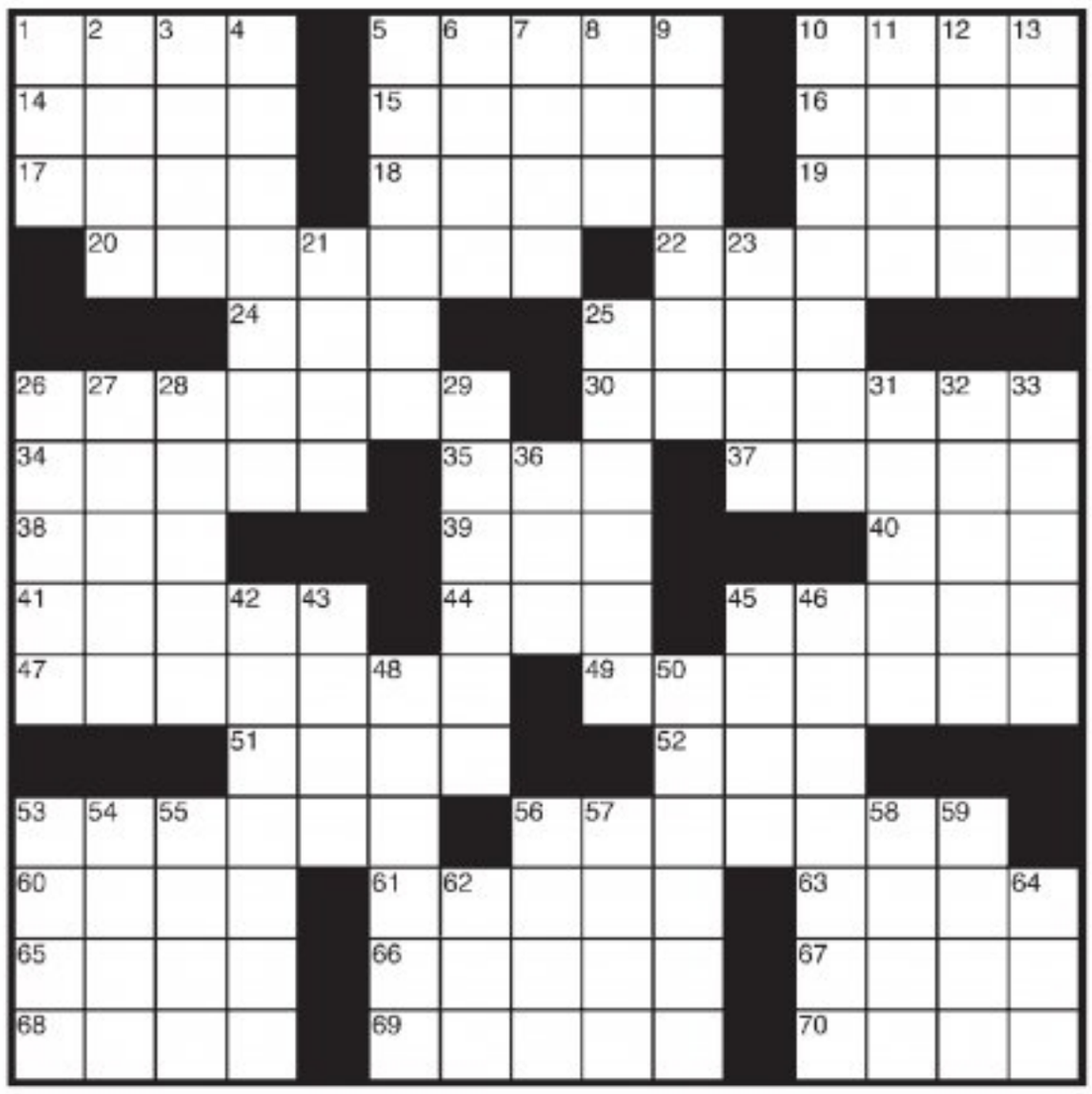

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Virgo Communication will be your ticket to positive change. Stick to the truth and explicitly lay out your plans. Tell anyone who balks that they are welcome to take a pass.

Libra Make up your mind and stick to your plans. Take care of your health and walk away from discord. Physical improvements will boost your confidence.

Scorpio Guard against impulsive and unpredictable people pressuring you to follow them. Create the life you want, instead of accepting what someone pushes on you.

Sagittarius Embellishing a story or making fun of someone will invite criticism and create emotional distress. If you offer kindness you'll be praised, not chastised.

Capricorn Learn from experience when dealing with emotional matters. You are best off not making changes without getting the necessary approval first.

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